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ST. LOUIS MAN CONVICTED IN SPRINGFIELD CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY, FACES MANDATORY LIFE IN PRISON

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Louis, Mo., man was found guilty by a federal jury today for his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Quentin C. Adams, 27, of St. Louis, was found guilty by a federal trial jury of four counts contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2003, in Springfield.

Following the presentation of evidence in **Adams'** trial, Graves said, the jury in U.S. District Court in Springfield deliberated for about one hour and 20 minutes before returning the guilty verdicts to U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon, ending a trial that began on Feb. 14, 2005.

The federal jury found **Adams** guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute in excess of 50 grams of crack cocaine between January 2002 and April 4, 2003, in Greene County, Mo.

Adams also was convicted of possessing with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 15, 2002, and April 4, 2003, and aiding and abetting others in the distribution of crack cocaine on April 4, 2003.

Adams was initially arrested at a Springfield apartment on Nov. 15, 2002. At the time of his arrest, law enforcement officers found in his possession a fake Dr. Pepper can containing 50 individually wrapped bags of crack cocaine. A crime laboratory analysis revealed the crack cocaine weighed 14.44 grams. **Adams** was known to travel from St. Louis to Springfield approximately every 10 days to deliver crack cocaine for distribution, Graves said.

As a result of today's conviction, **Adams** is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$8 million. **Adams** faces a mandatory life in prison sentence due to his prior felony convictions, which include assault, robbery, armed criminal action, possession of a controlled substance and drug trafficking. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kimberly Weber Dean and Robyn McKee. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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